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Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-identified application is a PTO/SB/08 Equivalent listing 53 references to be considered by the Examiner. Also enclosed are 27 foreign patent references and 8 non-patent literature documents as listed on the Information Disclosure Statement. Some references identify several co-pending applications filed by Applicant. Applicant directs the Examiner to these applications to consider whether the subject matter claimed, now or as may be amended in the future, as well as the associated prosecution history, now or in the future, may be relevant to the patentability of the present application (e.g., for reasons of obviousness-type double patenting). Applicant believes that the Examiner has access to the applications and associated file histories through the Patent Office (e.g., the IFW system). Accordingly, Applicant has not provided copies of these applications or their associated file histories, but would be happy to do so, now or in the future, should the Examiner so request. Copies of the references are not submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

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